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1 to 10,000 parts by weight of [a dicarboxylic acid] at least one salt of an organic acid selected from the group consisting of salts or citric acid, tartaric acid, aspartic acid, isocitric acid, glutamic acid, and mixtures thereof [to delay], whereby a decrease in [the gonadotropin's] gonadotropin activity over time is delayed. FSH FSH

2. (amended) The gonadotropin composition of claim 1, further comprising a non-reducing sugar selected from the group of sucrose and trehalose, wherein the non-reducing sugar is present in an amount of about three to fifty times by weight of the [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

Please cancel claims 3-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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6. (amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein the non-reducing sugar is present in an amount of about three times by weight of the [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

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7. (amended) The composition of claim 6, [further] comprising [a second] more than one type of gonadotropin, [both] all of said gonadotropins being stabilized by said [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt.

E 2 F 1/8. (amended) A lyophilized <sup>FSH</sup>gonadotropin composition comprising:

Cont'd F one part by weight of a <sup>FSH</sup>gonadotropin, said <sup>FSH</sup>gonadotropin being of recombinant source; and

Ind. F1 200 to 10,000 parts by weight of [a dicarboxylic] <sup>FSH</sup>an organic <sup>Ind. F1</sup>acid salt ~~having two or more carboxylic acid moieties~~

E 3 10. (amended) The composition of claim 1, [further] comprising [a second] more than one type of gonadotropin stabilized by the [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt. ✓

3/ 11. (amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition contains sufficient [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt to form a solution having an ionic strength of at least 0.05 mol/l when said composition is reconstituted with water.

4/ 12. (amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein said [dicarboxylic] organic acid salt is selected from the group consisting of salts of tartaric acid, aspartic acid, isocitric acid, glutamic acid, and mixtures thereof.

#### REMARKS

In the Office Action of November 17, 1992, the Examiner required under 35 USC 121 the election of species for prosecution. Applicants hereby confirm the election of species 1, compositions containing gonadotropin, acid salts and non-